

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 2, 6, 8-15, and 17, and CANCEL claims 3-5, 7, and 16 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An outdoor unit for an air conditioner, comprising:
a cabinet having a bottom panel;
an outdoor heat exchanger installed in the cabinet; and
a support member supporting the outdoor heat exchanger with a space between a lower end of the outdoor heat exchanger and the bottom panel of the cabinet, to prevent condensed water generated from the outdoor heat exchanger from being frozen,

wherein the bottom panel of the cabinet includes a flange extending upward at an edge of the bottom panel, and

the support member is attached to the flange and the support member includes:
a fixing portion attached to the flange,
a support portion extending from the fixing portion to support the lower end of the heat exchanger, and

an upper reinforcing portion connected between an upper surface of the support portion and an inner surface of the fixing portion to separate the lower end of the outdoor heat exchanger from the fixing portion.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The outdoor unit for an air conditioner according to claim 1, wherein the support member ~~includes~~ is made of heat insulating material.

3. (CANCELLED)

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6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The outdoor unit for an air conditioner according to claim ~~5~~1, wherein the support member further includes a lower reinforcing portion connected

between a lower surface of the support portion and ~~an~~ the inner surface of the fixing portion to prevent the support portion from sagging.

7. (CANCELLED)

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The outdoor unit for an air conditioner according to claim 51, wherein the fixing portion includes a fitting groove into which the flange is inserted to hold the support member.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An outdoor unit for an air conditioner, comprising:
a cabinet having a bottom panel;
an outdoor heat exchanger installed in the cabinet; and
a ~~spacer~~ support member separating a lower end of the outdoor heat exchanger from a seat portion of the bottom panel of the cabinet, to prevent condensed water generated from the outdoor heat exchanger from freezing,

wherein the bottom panel of the cabinet includes a flange extending upward at an edge of the bottom panel, and

the support member is attached to the flange and the support member includes:

a fixing portion attached to the flange,

a support portion extending from the fixing portion to support the lower end of the heat exchanger, and

an upper reinforcing portion connected between an upper surface of the support portion and an inner surface of the fixing portion to separate the lower end of the outdoor heat exchanger from the fixing portion.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An outdoor unit for an air conditioner, comprising:
a cabinet including a front panel having a discharge port, a rear panel having suction holes, both side panels having suction holes, and a bottom panel;
an outdoor heat exchanger vertically installed in the cabinet adjacent to the suction holes;
a blower fan installed in the cabinet to blow air toward the discharge port; and
a support member ~~including~~ made of heat insulating material and disposed between the bottom panel of the cabinet and the outdoor heat exchanger, to separate a lower end of the outdoor heat exchanger from the bottom panel of the cabinet,

wherein the bottom panel of the cabinet includes a flange extending upward at an edge of the bottom panel, and

the support member is attached to the flange and the support member includes:
a fixing portion attached to the flange,
a support portion extending from the fixing portion to support the lower end of the
heat exchanger, and
an upper reinforcing portion connected between an upper surface of the support
portion and an inner surface of the fixing portion to separate the lower end of the outdoor heat
exchanger from the fixing portion.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An outdoor unit for an air conditioner, comprising;
a cabinet having a bottom panel;
an outdoor heat exchanger installed in the cabinet; and
a support member including a support portion, which supports a lower end of the outdoor
heat exchanger with a space disposed between the lower end of the outdoor heat exchanger
and the bottom panel of the cabinet,

wherein condensed water flowing on the outdoor heat exchanger falls on the bottom
panel via an upper surface of the support portion of the support member, ~~and~~

~~wherein the support member prevents coldness from the outdoor heat exchanger from~~
being transmitted to the bottom panel to prevent the condensed water from freezing,

wherein the bottom panel of the cabinet includes a flange extending upward at an edge
of the bottom panel, and

the support member is attached to the flange and the support member includes:
a fixing portion attached to the flange,
a support portion extending from the fixing portion to support the lower end of the
heat exchanger, and
an upper reinforcing portion connected between an upper surface of the support
portion and an inner surface of the fixing portion to separate the lower end of the outdoor heat
exchanger from the fixing portion.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An outdoor unit for an air conditioner, comprising:
a cabinet having a bottom panel;
an outdoor heat exchanger installed in the cabinet; and
a support member which supports the outdoor heat exchanger, including a support
portion and a fitting portion,

wherein the support member includes a plurality of lower reinforcing ribs connected
between a lower surface of the support portion and an inner surface of the fitting portion, and a
plurality of upper reinforcing ribs connected between an upper surface of the support portion and

the inner surface of the fitting portion and prevents the support portion from sagging, and
wherein the support member prevents coldness from the outdoor heat exchanger from
being transmitted to the bottom panel to prevent the condensed water from freezing,

wherein the bottom panel of the cabinet includes a flange extending upward at an edge
of the bottom panel, and

the support member is attached to the flange and the support member includes:

a fixing portion attached to the flange,

a support portion extending from the fixing portion to support a lower end of the
heat exchanger, and

an upper reinforcing portion connected between an upper surface of the support
portion and an inner surface of the fixing portion to separate the lower end of the outdoor heat
exchanger from the fixing portion.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The~~ An outdoor unit according to ~~claim 12~~ for an air
conditioner, comprising:

a cabinet having a bottom panel;

an outdoor heat exchanger installed in the cabinet; and

a support member which supports the outdoor heat exchanger, including a support
portion and a fitting portion,

wherein the support member includes a plurality of lower reinforcing ribs connected
between a lower surface of the support portion and an inner surface of the fitting portion, and a
plurality of upper reinforcing ribs connected between an upper surface of the support portion and
the inner surface of the fitting portion and prevents the support portion from sagging,

the support member prevents coldness from the outdoor heat exchanger from being
transmitted to the bottom panel to prevent condensed water from freezing, and

wherein the upper reinforcing ribs are smaller than the lower reinforcing ribs such that a
lower end of the outdoor heat exchanger is directly supported on the upper surface of the
support portion while in contact therewith.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The~~ An outdoor unit for an air conditioner ~~according
to claim 12, comprising:~~

a cabinet having a bottom panel;

an outdoor heat exchanger installed in the cabinet; and

a support member which supports the outdoor heat exchanger, including a support
portion and a fitting portion,

wherein the support member includes a plurality of lower reinforcing ribs connected

between a lower surface of the support portion and an inner surface of the fitting portion, and a plurality of upper reinforcing ribs connected between an upper surface of the support portion and the inner surface of the fitting portion and prevents the support portion from sagging,

the support member prevents coldness from the outdoor heat exchanger from being transmitted to the bottom panel to prevent condensed water from freezing, and

~~wherein~~ each of the upper reinforcing ribs has an inclined upper surface, and the outdoor heat exchanger is placed on the support portion with a space between the fitting portion and the outdoor heat exchanger.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The~~ An outdoor unit for an air conditioner ~~according to claim 12, comprising:~~

a cabinet having a bottom panel;

an outdoor heat exchanger installed in the cabinet; and

a support member which supports the outdoor heat exchanger, including a support portion and a fitting portion,

wherein the support member includes a plurality of lower reinforcing ribs connected between a lower surface of the support portion and an inner surface of the fitting portion, and a plurality of upper reinforcing ribs connected between an upper surface of the support portion and the inner surface of the fitting portion and prevents the support portion from sagging,

the support member prevents coldness from the outdoor heat exchanger from being transmitted to the bottom panel to prevent condensed water from freezing, and

~~wherein~~ a width of an area of the support portion in contact with the lower end of the outdoor heat exchanger is smaller than a width of the outdoor heat exchanger.

16. (CANCELLED)

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The outdoor unit for an air conditioner according to claim 12, wherein the support portion ~~includes~~ is made of a heat insulating material.